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From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Thur 9/24/2015 2:07:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: Report on plan to "quickly build treatment plant" at Gladstone

Hi David,

What can we share with him?

Christie

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Silverton Standard <editor@silvertonstandard.com>
Date: September 24, 2015 at 9:39:24 AM EDT
To: "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Report on plan to "quickly build treatment plant" at Gladstone

Hi Christie;

Is there any sort of sketch plan at least for the temporary treatment plant being built for the Gold King Mine?

It's a pretty big project and I am sure my readers would love to know what it will more or less look like, although its footprint is already rapidly taking shape,

-Mark

On Sep 16, 2015, at 2:27 PM, StClair, Christie wrote:

Of course! What stories are you working on next? LMK how we can help.

From: Silverton Standard <silvertonstandard@animas.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:07 PM
To: StClair, Christie
Subject: Re: Report on plan to "quickly build treatment plant" at Gladstone

thanks for the clarification on that
On Sep 16, 2015, at 1:30 PM, StClair, Christie wrote:

Hi Mark, wanted to be sure I got you the additional info we've sent reporters on this today. You can attribute to Nancy Grantham, an EPA spokeswoman:

The issuance of a work order doesn't mean that there has been a final decision to build a wastewater treatment plant. Agency staff initiated the RFP process immediately after the spill, so that the procurement process would be well underway if that decision were to be made. (It can take several weeks to specify, solicit proposals, conduct technical evaluations, and then mobilize and deploy.)

We have continued to proceed with the necessary steps to procure a system. Our contractor has solicited proposals and is evaluating 6 company proposals. This evaluation is in process

At the same time, the agency is conducting an analysis to determine if a temporary treatment plant provides a measurable benefit to water quality downstream in the Animas River. The agency is closely coordinating with officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute tribe, Mountain Ute tribe, and Navajo Nation to develop a comprehensive, long-term plan for the Gold King Mine site.

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 1:54 PM
To: Silverton Standard
Subject: Re: Report on plan to "quickly build treatment plant" at Gladstone

Hi Mark, thanks for reaching out.

Please attribute to EPA:

The issuance of a work order doesn't mean that there has been a final

decision to build a wastewater treatment plant. Agency staff initiated an RFP for a potential wastewater treatment plant shortly after the Aug. 5 release, so that the procurement process would be well underway if that decision were to be made. The agency is closely coordinating with officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute tribe, Mountain Ute tribe, and Navajo Nation to develop a long-term water and sediment plan for the Gold King Mine site.

For your background, here's the document you're looking for: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/08-1574715.pdf>

In particular, you'll want to see:

1. Page 6, 3.0, "Project Technical Requirements":

"EPA has directed ER to procure an interim water treatment plant for the treatment of mine discharge for an emergency response action at the Gold King Mine Site in Colorado. ..."

2. Page 26, 11.0 Award of Subcontract:

Bidders should note this is an EPA time-critical removal project and that bidder's inability to provide an aggressive, but realistic, schedule and demonstrated ability to provide all required resources on schedule, will be considered during the evaluation process. Be advised this RFP does not guarantee the work will be performed, and makes no guarantee on quantities. The actual quantities may be greater than or less than the quantity specified in the Scope of Work.

I don't think AP saw p. 26 - that would have helped them understand this RFP was issued as part of the procurement process.

Please let me know what else you need..

Best,
Christie

Christie St. Clair
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From: Silverton Standard <silvertonstandard@animas.net>

Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 12:59 PM

To: Press

Subject: Report on plan to "quickly build treatment plant" at Gladstone

Hi;

The AP reported Sept 15 that a document was released Tuesday outlying plan to building a treatment plant at the Gold King Mine site.

But I have been unable to find that document.
Could you help?

thanks

Mark Esper
editor
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